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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the office action mailed September 12, 2000, applicants elect the invention of Group I, i.e., claims 1-8, drawn to a centrifugally cast tube. The election is made without traverse.

Further, please amend the application preliminarily

Subs B1

1. (Amended) A centrifugally cast tube comprising creep resistant alloy [(as hereinbefore defined)], which alloy either

- a) comprises the following constituents in % by weight as indicated: carbon, 0.1-0.5; chromium, 20-35; nickel, 20-45; niobium, 0-2; silicon, 0-2; tungsten, 0.5; additions, 0-1; and the balance containing iron; or,
- b) has a mean 100,000 hour stress rupture value of more than 6 Mpa at 1000°C, and [having] said tube has an internal profile which is non-circular, such that, in cross-section, the length of the internal profile is at least 10% longer than the circumference of the smallest circle which encompasses the entire profile.

Cancel claims 9-46 without prejudice.

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